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Proposed USPS Rate Change.

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On April 8, 2005, the Postal Service filed a rate case with the Postal Rate Commission seeking to raise prices 5.4% for almost all categories. This is a unique filing because the Postal Service is asking for the rate increase so that it can meet it's obligation to fund the \$3.1 billion escrow requirement imposed by Public Law 108-18. The rate case will be withdrawn if legislation is enacted that eliminates the funding requirement. A chart below compares current rates with the proposed new rates.

Rate	Current	Proposed
<b>Letter - full rate</b>	\$0.37	\$0.39
<b>Letter - 1st Class Auto</b>		
Presort	0.35	0.37
3 digit	0.29	0.31
5 digit	0.28	0.29
<b>Flats - 1st Class</b>		
Presorted 1 oz.	0.49	0.52
2 oz.	0.35	0.37
3 oz.	0.58	0.61
4 oz.	0.76	0.80
5 oz.	0.99	1.04
6 oz.	1.21	1.28
7 oz.	1.44	1.51
8 oz.	1.66	1.75
9 oz.	1.89	1.99
10 oz.	2.11	2.22
11 oz.	2.34	2.46
12 oz.	2.56	2.70
13 oz.	2.79	2.94
3.01	3.17	
<b>Standard Mail, letter size</b>		
3 digit	0.177	0.187
5 digit	0.164	0.173
<b>Priority Mail 1 lb.</b>	3.85	4.05
<b>Certified</b>	2.30	2.40
<b>Return Receipt</b>	1.75	1.85

If favorably recommended by the PRC, the new rates would be implemented no earlier than January 2006. No rate eligibility or classification-related changes are proposed with this case.

Complete rate information is available at [www.usps.com/ratecase](http://www.usps.com/ratecase)

This information is being provided so that you can include it in your budgeting plans for the affected portion of the '05-'06 fiscal year and the upcoming '06-'07 fiscal year.